Salvaging of missing temple

423. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Missing temple to be salvaged with help from IRS-IB" appearing in the "Financial Express", New Delhi dated the 20th October, 1994;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter referred to therein; and

(c) the progress made so far in salvaging the legendary temple of Vaishakeshwara from the seabed of Visakhapatnam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) IRS-1B imagery of Visakhapatnam coast was digitally analysed by the Centre for Remote Sensing, Department of Geo-Engineering, Andhra University, Waltair. Computer programmes developed at the Centre for Remote Sensing, Andhra University were used. The results of the analysis need to be verified for which the University is in the process of developing suitable project proposals.

Different terms and tenure for different Chief Executives

423. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up different terms and tenure period ranging from three years to five years for the Chief Executives/CMDs in different public sector companies;

(b) whether tenure period of three years has been fixed in some cases where incumbent have had many more years for attaining the age of superannuation;

(c) whether such different tenure is bound to create adverse impact on the performance of Chief Executives; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and corrective measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No Sir.

(d) In following cases a tenure of less than five years have been approved:-

(i) Shri B. K. Chaturvedi, IAS (UP: 66) was appointed on 17.10.1994 as CMD, State Trading Corpn. of India Ltd. for a period of two years, on deputation basis as STC is not exempted from rule of immediate absorption.

(ii) Shri Anil Bhandari was appointed on 29.9.1992 as CMD, ITDC, for a period of two years, so as to provide scope for evaluation of his performance before further continuation.

(iii) Shri S. Choudhry, IAS (WB:74) was appointed on 2.5.1994 as MD, Tea Trading Corpn. of India Ltd. for a period of three years as the post of MD, TTCI has been exempted from the rule of immediate absorption only for a period of three years.

Cases pending with Central Vigilance Commission

425. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission was set up at the Centre